

Secondary Transition Innovative Projects Grant

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The Nebraska Department of Education Office of Special Education is pleased to announce the availability of funds for grant projects. These grant funds are intended to support the development and maintenance of regional transition teams and innovative transition efforts throughout Nebraska. The Secondary Transition Innovative Project Grant is a competitive grant with a focus on transition activities which are innovative. Funds for these projects are provided by the Nebraska Dept. of Education, Office of Special Education.

Qualification and Guidelines:

Grant projects are funded for one year. Projects should be focused on developing or enhancing transition services available to students with disabilities through an **innovative project** with the potential to be implemented statewide. Applicants may want to consider the following general areas while preparing the grant application (Kohler, P.D. (1996). Taxonomy for Transition Programming. Champaign: University of Illinois.):

- ✚ Student-Focused Planning (IEP Development, Student Participation, Planning Strategies)
- ✚ Student Development (Career & Vocational Curricula, Transition Assessments, Support Services)
- ✚ Interagency Collaboration (Collaborative Framework, Collaborative Service Delivery)
- ✚ Program Structure (Program Philosophy, Strategic Planning, Program Evaluation)
- ✚ Family Involvement (Family Training, Family Empowerment)

Grant funds may not be used for the following:

- ✚ To purchase equipment including computers
- ✚ Out of state travel
- ✚ Ongoing operating expenses
- ✚ Construction or renovation costs
- ✚ Direct services for transition students
- ✚ Staff FTE supported by the grant

Timeline:

Projects will begin October 1, 2013, and must be completed by August 15, 2014.

Application Requirements:

Applications must be submitted through the Grants Management System (GMS) on the NDE Portal <http://portal.education.ne.gov/Site/DesktopDefault.aspx>. (Portal GMS will open May 13, 2013).

Applications are due **Friday, June 28, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.** Awarded applicants will be notified no later than Monday, August 19, 2013.

Successful applicants will be asked to provide a narrative report at the end of the budget year describing the outcomes of their grant-funded projects/activities for inclusion in a transition publication and the Transition website. Grantees will also be asked to submit accounting statements in order to be reimbursed and will be expected to submit required paperwork in a timely manner prior to the end of the budget year.